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ATTEND COMING ANNUAL BREAKFAST RIDE

Date — Sunday, April 14, 1946

Time — 9 A. M.

Meeting Place — Cross Roads of Redwood Road and Skyline Boulevard.

Eating Place — Tourist Club

Eating Time 10:30 A. M.

Archie Brown, Chairman of our Activities Committee, has announced the 1st Breakfast Ride of the year as stated above. Horses and riders will meet at the Redwood and Skyline Cross Roads Sunday Morning at 9 A. M. The ride will be north along Skyline Blvd. to Sunset Trail, then through the park and back to the Tourist Club.

Breakfast will be served at the conclusion of the ride about 10:30 A. M. Bacon and Eggs, Hash Brown Potatoes, Hot Biscuits, and lots of Coffee!

Archie has appointed a live wire committee to concentrate on serving the breakfast and guarantees that the food will be hot, and lots of it.

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It's a date then, Remember! APRIL 14th at 9 A. M. — CROSS ROADS.

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The Roving Reporter

Back from a swell trip to Arizona and Old Mexico to see the Quarter Horse Races, we have Carmelita and Harold Cummins, Stanley Costa, and Jim and Tiny Black. They saw Shu Fly regain the world's championship for the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile race, and were thrilled by the presence of "the best bunch of registered quarter horses ever assembled." Harold Pickerling attempted to carry on in a "batchelor way" while the Cummins were away, but as a cook he didn't do so well! (Who ever heard of using vinegar to fry steaks!) . . . Loretta Costa has a new silver mounted saddle for her Palomino Pinto named Pappy. Joyce, her sister, is having her pony Pepper schooled by Tod Mason to do tricks. The lessons are progressing amazingly well, however, Tod had to discontinue the lessons in order to do a show. (Tod, we understand, is an excellent trick rider and roper!) . . . Additions expected soon: Simmie Heel's mare and Jack Simpson's bay mare Ginger are both expecting—and very soon too! . . . Donny Donlin has a new three-year-old Pinto gelding—the name is Reno! Sadness descended upon the Pinto Stables recently. Joe Yegger's Palomino filly colt was hit by an automobile recently and was so badly injured that she had to be destroyed . . . Don Terpport is the new owner of a sorrel gelding, and Jim Decker has a new bay mare! . . . Jerry Funk has just traded horses with Paul Bennett—and came out with a Quarter horse mare! . . . George Armstrong received a bad leg injury when his horse ran away with him; however, it wasn't all in vain, for he received a new saddle from Carmelita and Harold Cummins!! Pearl Leibl is attracting a lot of attention with her Palomino colt Keno. Pearl has trained the colt to do several difficult tricks and has already shown the colt at Riverbank and many local shows. Keno is only 10 months old now and it certainly looks as if Pearl and Keno will go places together. Incidentally, the colt made his debut on July 4th at the Pinto Ranch Rodeo, at which time he won the hearts of all present!

Over at the Piedmont Stables, Don Marquis is working hard and having fun riding and schooling his 8-year-old chestnut thoroughbred, Gay Mate (by Mate, out of Gay O'Mar). This chestnut, once used for racing, is responding to Don's good care in a manner that's truly unbelievable! They're jumping now! . . . Conchita, the Palomino mare owned by Henry W. Bigge, is now at the Piedmont Stables . . . Little Shaver, a bay and white Pinto, stabled at the Green Barn, gets a lot of exercise on the trails these days by Mrs. Judy White . . . Jack Simons recently moved his saddlebred mare, Liberty Belle, in foal to Destiny Bay, from Miss Graham's stable up to the Rancho San Antonio . . . Jumpin' Jeepers, owned by Leo Davidson, has completed her training in fine style, and now awaits the coming shows . . . Miss Sandra Logue, with her new horse Toy Storm and Sylvia King with the Loser's Golden Blonde attended the second series of Hunter Trials at the Barbara Worth Stables in Sacramento, returning with a number of ribbons . . . We will all be glad to have the Captain and Mrs. Don Evans back in the Canyon—let's hope they make it soon . . . And, at Miss Graham's, Mrs. Donald Keckhnie has a 3-year-old (in April) saddlebred filly named Juanita's Rhythm, out of Mrs. Lockwood's mare Rhythm Girl (once owned by Carol Lombard) by the well-known San Juan, owned by Mrs. Pike! . . . Mrs. Evelyn Evander is the proud owner of a four-year-old thoroughbred, Danny K, recently purchased from Joe Young of the Oakland Stables. Evelyn and her husband, Bruce Evander, are seen frequently on the trails. Mr. Evander rides Maggie Postal's horse Toby . . . A newcomer at the Hopalong Stables is Tom Walsh, the owner of a very lovely Palomino mare named Sunday Girl . . . Bud Coins, an old timer in the Canyon, is staying at the stables

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and is handling Our Buddy, Morgan stallion owned by Helen Mackey and Carl Edwards . . . There is a cowboy from "them thar hills" visiting the Hopalong Stables. His name is George Warren. (George's dad is an S.P.C.A. man in San Francisco.) The riders say that George is a real cowboy and they intend to make him one of "the gang!" . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tann have four horses and three colts at their stables set in two acres on Robinson Drive: Peggy, a thoroughbred and saddlebred mare, bought for Mrs. Tann's daughter, and now ridden by her granddaughter; Trophy, a half saddlebred mare, sired by Kyret, at the time the stallion was at the Tann place previous to his being brought here from Stockton last summer by Colonel and Mrs. Barnum; Rahamiss, an Arabian, two-year-old, sired by Rahaja, a chestnut Arabian stallion, owned by Bill Zimmerman, now kept at his place in Crows Canyon; Don Paloro, a registered Palomino stallion; and Minod, a seven-months-old Palomino colt sired by Don Paloro out of Missie. (Kyret also sired a colt now owned by Mrs. Hazel Putnam, and one owned by Miss Beryl Johnstone.) . . . Art Palmer went to the Fellow's place in Altadena in early February and trailed back Winona, a sorrel Morgan and thoroughbred filly. Roy Schoonover will break the three-year-old, and Art will do the training. Mrs. Palmer has named the filly Sonnet . . . Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Hass of Shasta Road, Berkeley, are the proud owners of Cameo, the gray Arabian gelding formerly owned by Virginia Garregues Heltzel.

Calendar of Events

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PROGRAM
For 1946

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

Breakfast Ride

9:00 a.m. — Tourist Club
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Fireglow, the sorrel American Saddlebred gelding, owned by Marjorie Minuth, is in his new home at the Highland Stables . . . Also at Highland is the pinto, Pequop, owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser of Castro Valley. Sir Gay, an American Saddlebred gelding, owned by Ralph Morrison, has joined the boarders at the Piedmont Stables . . . Two fine horses have been added to the guest list at the Wagon Wheel—Charles L. Hall's bay thoroughbred gelding hunter and jumper, Beachwood, and Rooney Plemmon's sorrel, American Saddlebred gelding, Kilkenny . . . Fursina, the sorrel Arabian mare, and Tera, the trick Palomino, of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tarr, are getting acquainted with their fine home atop Skyline Boulevard. Bill, the bay jumper of Virginia Smith, has been added to the Don and Marguerette Phelps stables in Altura Place . . . Merritt Cowell's pinto gelding, Dapple Ray, and Myrtle Cowell's sorrel gelding, Furiosa, are now at the Dr. John Ohanneson Ranch . . . Miss Norma Burton's bay Thoroughbred filly, Cover Girl, Miss Deanne Burton's dark brown Thoroughbred hunter and jumper, Idiot's Delight, and Mr. Ray Burton's bay Standardbred and Thoroughbred gelding, Tim, are stabled at Red Gates in Rifle Lane . . . Dawn, the black, American Saddlebred filly, sired by Odin MacDonald, owned by Mrs. Anne Summerfield, has a two-acre field to roam at Alamo. Tedda Beyler is the proud owner of a new bay Thoroughbred gelding, a former Army horse. She calls him Bobby Sox. He is doing some good jumping . . . John Henry of Alameda is the new owner of the fine Palomino stallion formerly owned by Ray Ferrara. He is riding him on the trails under a silver mounted saddle. Horse and rider make a beautiful picture.

A DELAYED BREAKFAST RIDE!

On Sunday, February 24, the "Leona" breakfast riders saddled their mounts and prepared to ride out from Leona Stables. Clouds hung low and by 9:00 o'clock a steady rain fell. The crowd took to shelter, and a group of ladies cooked a splendid breakfast of hot biscuits (plug—Vern Mishler), bacon and eggs, fried potatoes, fruit, cakes, and coffee, which was heartily enjoyed by all before a fire in the clubhouse. At noon the sun came out, and Earl Hansen mounted a barrel and suggested the riders get their horses ready again. The crowd gave a cheer and took off to the hills in the afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cosca, Miss Loretta and Miss Joyce Cosca of the Pinto Ranch accompanied the riders. Loretta and Joyce did tricks in the ring later with POPPY and PEPPER.

A white birthday cake, decorated with a lasso rope and inscribed "with gallops of love," greeted the Friday night drill team and riders at Leona Stables recently. It was the first birthday of FELICE, the palomino filly owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Topritzhofer . . .

At Cressmount Stables: Mr. L. R. Pollard has a bay, five-gaited American Saddlebred that he calls The Squirrel. Mrs. Ivan Wegener (Jean Pollard) rides her five-gaited American Saddlebred, Maple Murray; and her sister rides Virginia Lee, a sorrel mare . . . Miss Beatrice Sweet has taken her sorrel Thoroughbred mare, La Zova Moon, to Cressmount . . . Another new horse at Cressmount is Patsy Nuttall's chestnut Thoroughbred gelding, Chocolate Soldier . . . Mary Lou Hutton rode Ethel Kartholl's jumpers, Captain Kidd, a bay Thoroughbred gelding, and Graybird, a gray Thoroughbred gelding, over the Upson Downs jumping course. Others taking the course were James Ormond, Bill Nuttall, and Ethel Kartholl. The Pegasus Patrol Gymkhana, held at the Cressmount Stables on March 6th, turned out to be another successful "junior" affair. The show was judged by Win Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Larry Eade, as Ringmaster. Winners were as follows: Jumpers—first, Ann Conwall riding

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Noah; second Janet Moore riding Rabbi; third, Dede Brandes riding Bourbon; fourth, Joyce Moore riding Adobe. Pairs—first, Ann Conwell riding Adobe and Ronny Downer riding Bourbon; second, Pat Evans riding Kyack and Gerry Goven riding Noah; third, Joyce Moore riding Col. Blimp and Jack Reim riding Alex; fourth, Janet Moore riding Rabbi and Donald Schumacher riding Stonewall. In the Relay Race, the "Boys" managed to win two out of three "dashes"—however, Mrs. Stanley Moore served refreshments to all (including audience) so the girls didn't feel too sad about not winning. It was truly a good show—the Umbrella was packed—and the audience had a great time! CONGRATULATIONS, PEGASUS PATROL! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Busy Beavers

Arthur Denton, Chairman of the Trails Committee, reports that some new trails, as well as improvements on present ones, are being planned for 1946. Two meetings have been held thus far, and both were very well attended. In addition to the committee members, those present included Jack Tann, Wes Adams, and John Flood, our park and city employees.

Most of the new trail plans for the year centered around proposals to relieve the congestion on the shoulder road trail leading down into Redwood Canyon. The committee (Arthur Denton in particular) with the help of President Frank Colbourn, Jr., and Past-President Fred Anderson, have been working on three propositions to relieve this condition, but so far have met with very little success. The water company and property owners have been contacted, but, to date, nothing concrete has been worked out.

Several new gates are being considered, new signs have been ordered, and all tracts will be marked. A new map of our entire riding area is being contemplated; however, this map will not be available until later in the year when pending plans for new trails will be acted upon.

A bridge will be built in Windy Gulch at once to take care of the washout there. The Bridge View Trail, leading to the north, then west from the Sunset Trail (near Skyline Boulevard) will be completed. All trails will have some "face lifting" work done as soon as the weather permits. From all indications, this work may develop into our major trail activity for the year, due mainly to the inadvisability of branching out too strongly into the construction of new trails that might be adversely affected by conditions beyond our control. Building projects in connection with the city's new highways, will affect many of our barns and private stables. Your committee is actively cooperating in these plans, although they may not develop into real trail activities for the M.H.A. until later in the year.

In the meantime, Arthur Denton invites and will appreciate any suggestions that any of our members may care to make in connection with the trails activities. Write or phone him at his home at 1684 Lower Grand Avenue, Oakland, and you will find him more than willing to cooperate in every way.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Stalls Available at Wildwood

Johnnie Curry, the new proprietor of the Wildwood Stables, tells us that stalls are available at his place—for "flat saddle" horses or "western"!! Johnnie has great post-war plans, such as covering that dandy training ring and adding additional box stalls. Plenty of activities are being planned! Hay Rides and Moonlight Rides will be held regularly! Stop in and see Johnnie Curry at the Wildwood; introduce yourself and look around. Maybe Johnnie can help you with some of your "horse" problems—he trains horses too, you know!

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Election of officers took place at the March 1 meeting of the Leona Riders: Martin Murray, President; Vern Mishler, Vice-President; Betty Klatt, Secretary; Earl Hansen, Captain; and Roscoe Ross, Lieutenant. After a brisk ride in the ring the members gathered in the club house for a party in honor of the officers who served during the past year: M. Waldren, M. Murray, Bobbie Santos, A. Brown, and R. Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Medlin of Hayward were among the guests. The party ended in dancing and singing. One of the songs was "Goodbye, Leona," sung to the tune of "Good Night, Ladies."

Next day many of the boarders at Leona packed their tack and loaded their horses into trailers to take them to new quarters while the demolition crew began tearing down the stables. Mr. Matt Barr of San Leandro is the present owner of the property which he plans to subdivide into city lots on which homes will be constructed by Phil Heraty and Sol Scherman, local builders, it is reported.

The site of the Leona Stables was an Oakland landmark. It was near the old Leona Heights Inn, a hotel that was the mecca for vacationists at the end of the Leona Heights street-car line. Then it was the rifle range for the National Guard of California, and a cavalry subfield of the U. S. Army. It was operated as a stable for a number of years, the Studley family taking it over in 1939.

Many improvements were made in the stable: Drive-ways and bridle trails were built; space between barns was terraced; the riding ring was resurfaced and flood lights were added. Two flagpoles were erected and dedicated at ceremonies at the beginning of the war. Painting of the barns and ring last year was accomplished through the San Leandro Rotary Club Horse Show, promoted by Charles L. Hall. Mr. Hall also constructed the cross-country jumping course and the Eucalyptus jumping course for the use of the Leona Riders.

A number of horse lovers had built their own barns and tack room: Dr. and Mrs. Don Weaver; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burton, Miss Deanne and Miss Norma Burton; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tarr; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murray; Mrs. Anne Summerfield; Mr. Charles Hall; Miss Elsie Mesquita, and Miss Diane Young.

The first Metropolitan Horsemen's Show was held at Leona. Each fall the stables staged their own horse show.

Mrs. Leonore Studley will continue as hostess to horseback riders at her new location, the Bonita Ranch of Fred and Kenneth Bemis near Chabot Golf Course. She will be aided in her work by Orville Studley, Ivan and Sandi Studley, and Earl and Janet Hansen.

Bit and Spur Horse Show

Tickets are now available for the Annual Bit and Spur Horse Show (Mills College Riding Group) to be held at the Cressmount Stables on Sunday, March 24th, at 2:00 p.m. The show will take place in the Umbrella—all seats reserved! Get in touch with Toni Vidor (daughter of "Vidor," the noted Hollywood director) at Mills College, and secure that \$1.00 (plus tax) ticket right now!! There will be several good jumping classes; also a Model Hunter Class, equitation, and the traditional Bit and Spur Special! General Leroy P. Collins will judge.

ATTENTION - All Riders

Anyone finding stray or thrown-out kittens or dogs in the Oakland hills can tell the ANIMAL SHELTER LEAGUE, KELlog 3-2141. People have a vicious habit of abandoning pets and leaving them to die of hunger and thirst in out-of-the-way places where there is little chance of their being rescued, instead of bringing them to a society that takes care of unwanted animals.

College of Fairs

George Walling has just returned from the first annual College of Fairs, held at the California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo, California. The purpose of the College of Fairs was to acquaint all fair secretaries and horse show managers with a given set of rules and regulations and procedures as set up by the Division of Fairs and Expositions of the State of California. After attending the convention of the Western Fairs Association recently held at Santa Cruz and because of his direct connection with Harrison Cutler and Bill Stremmel, professional horse show managers, Mr. Walling thought it quite essential to better shows, took the time and attended.

According to Mr. Walling, the plan for the coming year covers so many shows that no one exhibitor could attend all. Some very interesting changes in the rules set up by the Division of Fairs & Expositions was brought out by such men as Mr. James S. Dean, Director of Finance, State of California, Mr. E. G. Vollman, President of Western Fairs, Inc., Mr. A. E. Snyder, Chief, Division of Fairs & Expositions, Dr. E. H. Hughes and Prof. C. E. Howell, both of the University of California at Davis, and Mr. E. M. Gordon, Livestock Specialist, of the University of California at Berkeley.

An outstanding address was made by Mr. Adrian Van Sinderen, President, American Horse Show Association of New York, who made the trip from New York for the sole purpose of expressing his views on how the western fairs are tied in with the National Horse Show Association. The California Racing Board had a meeting in connection with the college. Those in attendance were, Lloyd D. Wright, Chairman, Los Angeles, Dwight Murphy, Santa Barbara, Nion Tucker, San Francisco, and Claude Buchanan, Secretary, Los Angeles.

The Secretary's Mail Bag:

From Lila M. Georgi, Lt. (NC) USN

Enclosed please find two dollars to cover my dues for 1946. I have not had occasion to ride over your beautiful trails since October of 1943, but at that time I enjoyed them so much and hope to again be able to use them some time in the future. In the meantime, it will be a joy to keep up with events through the "Trailblazer."

From L. A. Atherton

The bill for my 1946 dues has just been received after having been forwarded to me from the Naval Air Station in Oakland. I have been released from active duty in the Navy, and at the present time I am living in Newburyport, Mass., and I will appreciate your sending any future correspondence direct to that city . . . I spent many happy hours on the trails while stationed at Alameda and Oakland and hope to again when I return to Oakland this coming spring. I hope that everything is going along fine in the club and that 1946 will be the biggest and best year ever for the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

For Your Library

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500 Horses Impress Governor Warren At Signing of Trails Bill

FLASH! Governor Warren signed Senate Bill No. 70, appropriating \$300,000.00 for construction and acquisition of the first portion of the California Riding and Hiking Trail System, at ceremony at Sonoma on March 10th, 1946.

Among the 500 horses on parade Ahimes Shrine Rangers were honored by being the official escort of George H. Cardinet, president of the California State Horsemen's Association. Their fifteen matched pintos, displaying the new silver mounted tack, were popular with the candid camera and official photographers along the line of march. M

Barn Dance Big Success!

Hats off to Archie Brown, Chairman of the Activities Committee, for the successful launching of activities for the year 1946!

The barn dance held Saturday, March 2nd, at the Tourist Club, was attended by more than 200 members and friends, and all present enjoyed themselves tremendously. The music encouraged the dancers to step lively, and the hot dogs and coffee served at 11:00 o'clock provided added energy for the second round of dancing. We are all looking forward to the next outing, which will be a breakfast ride on April 14th. Additional information regarding this coming event will be published in the April issue of the Trailblazer.

Archie Brown wishes to thank his committee and M.H.A. members for their help in making the dance a success. Gus and Elsa Himmelman were on the job as usual. They always are when work is to be done! And thanks to Harold and Carm Cummins, Vern and Stacy Chappell, Willis Nuttall, Irma Fay Brown, Betty Klatt, Mrs. Bruce Clinton, Mrs. Joe Cosca, and Carmel Himmelman for their help in making our first event on the 1946 program a success.

State Bulletin

Senate Bill No. 70 Passed: Yes, it's true. The horsemen's dream is going to be an actuality. Senate Bill No. 70 passed both the Senate and the Assembly. The most remarkable part of it is that the bill went through two Senate Committees, the floor of the Senate, an Assembly Committee, and the floor of the Assembly without one dissenting vote. A truly remarkable record and a monument to John Diggs and his committee, Senator Jack Tenney, Assemblyman Jack Thompson, Joe Gilmore, Ross Marshal, Lyman Lantz and every last member of the California State Horsemen's Association who cooperated so enthusiastically, and particularly our President, George Cardinet, Jr.

Such unqualified success is due entirely to the team work displayed by all of those mentioned, and in our humble opinion, deserves the plaudits of the horsemen of today and of the future. Truly this marks the first step in making California the "Horse Center of the World."

The March 9th meeting of the Board of Directors has been postponed for two weeks and will be held on March 23rd in Redding. The meeting will be a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Redding and arrangements are being made for entertainment and music after the meeting. Also on Sunday the 24th, arrangements have been made to conduct interested parties through the Shasta Dam and powerhouse.

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